

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF
WASTEWATER SYSTEM OPERATORS
MINUTES
July 15, 2008**

The following are minutes of the Kentucky Board of Certification of Wastewater System Operators held July 15, 2008 at the Division of Compliance Assistance, 300 Fair Oaks Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky.

Board Members Present

Dennis Gumbert, Chairman
Dave Pedigo, Vice Chairman
Larry Grubbs
Gary Epperson
Suzy Bradley
Randy Bingham
Aaron Keatley, Cabinet Representative

Others

Lisa Butler, Division of Compliance Assistance (DCA), Certification
Julia Kays, DCA
Melissa Brothers, KWWOA
Jerry Kennedy, certified operator

I Call to order

Dennis Gumbert called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

- A. A motion to approve the June 17, 2008 minutes was entered by Larry Grubbs. Randy Bingham seconded the motion. The motion carried.

III. New Business

- A. Training Application Reviews – Addendum 1
- B. Exam Requests – Addendum 2
- C. A motion to release today's training actions was made by Randy Bingham and was seconded by Suzy Bradley. The motion carried.
- D. Jerry Kennedy spoke to the board to request a review the denial of his continuing education hours request from the WEF Technical Conference. Mr. Kennedy asked the board to reconsider the denial. He said that the WEF is a nationally accredited organization and that he felt the courses offered at the conference were important to utility managers in their role as well as for operator education. Aaron Keatley, DCA said he would review the training request and compare it to other courses that had been approved by the board and provide Mr. Kennedy with a response to his request.
- E. Julia Kays provided the board with a copy of the recommendation made to the Division of Water after the board reviewed information relating to Terry Coker's operation of a wastewater facility. She also told the board that William Jewell's license had been revoked as was recommended by the board and that she expected to receive his wallet card in the operator certification office within a day or two.

IV. Communications and Announcements

Lisa Butler distributed a financial summary for the month of June to the board members.

Aaron Keatley informed the board that the regulation revisions had been filed and summarized the events that will follow. The public hearing is scheduled for August 21st. September 2nd will be the last date to accept comments on the proposed regulations. There will then be a period of time to respond to the comments. If the division decides to make changes based on comments received during the public comment period, the regulations will be revised and submitted back to LRC. Then they will go to joint committees for review and action. These actions can be "approve", "pass", or "attach" a letter of concern. If they attach the regulations they will go into effect, but will expire at the end of the legislative session. If the actions are approve or pass the regulations will go into effect. The goal is, if the regulation revisions are accepted by the legislature, for the regulations to become effective in January 2009 due to the start of the wastewater renewal cycle.

Melissa Brothers, KWWOA told the board members that their newsletter will contain a summary of the proposed changes to the regulations. This particular issue of the newsletter will go to all certified operators, not just the operators who are KWWOA members.

Aaron shared some certification program figures with the board members.

- The \$35 fee for renewal currently is equivalent to \$55 when inflation is factored in.
- The program receives approximately 160 applications for certification from new people every year.
- 30% of operator license renewals are submitted late.
- On line renewals accounted for 53% of all renewals.
- This year's water treatment and distribution license renewal cycle was completed with no back log.
- The program receives approximately 10 reciprocity applications per year.
- 64% of test candidates pass the exams.
- When comparing wastewater operators taking the exam for the first time who take the certification preparatory class before attempting the exam versus those that only take the exam shows; that it is much more likely the operators will pass the exam on the first attempt.

Mr. Keatley announced that Sam Lester will be retiring on July 31, 2008. The board members extended their best wishes to Sam and also expressed that he will be missed.

VIII Adjournment

Dave Pedigo entered a motion to adjourn the meeting. Randy Bingham seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Training Requests

Request #	Date Received	Requested By	Course Title	Hours Requested	Date of Course	WW	1st	2nd	Motion to Approve	Comments	Process Hours Approved	Non-Process Hours Approved	TCH Event ID#
969	6/18/2008	Environmental Leverage, Inc.	Filamentous Identification the Easy Way	16	4/16/08 - 4/17/08	WW	LG	DP		Tabled for timed agenda			
972	7/2/2008	Western Chapter KWWOA	Spring Operator Conference	20	6/17/08 - 6/29/08	WW	LG	SB	X		6	14	P 6134; NP 6135
973	7/7/2008	Georgetown Municipal Water & Sewer	Trenching & Shoring Safety & Rescue	2	5/29/08	WW	GE	SB	X	R. Bingham oppose d		2	6136
975	7/8/2008	Perdue Farms, Inc. Cromwell, KY	Bloodborne Pathogens Training: Preventing Disease Transmission	6	Continuous	WW	DP	RB	X			6	6138
980	7/14/2008	Perdue Farms, Inc. Cromwell, KY	Math for Wastewater Operators	12	Continuous	WW	SB	LG	X		12		6143
981	7/14/2008	Perdue Farms, Inc. Cromwell, KY	Standard First Aid with CPR/AED Adult	6	Continuous	WW	SB	GE	X			6	6144

Exam Requests

Request #	Name	AI #	Date Received by DCA	Application Type	If Reciprocity State & Current Certification	Status: Conditional Approval, Approved, Denied)	Comments	1st	2nd	Motion Carried
43-05	Curtis Ethan Otto	101151	6/23/2008	II	IN - II and Industrial A	Approved		LG	RB	X
44-05	Charlotte Lyvers	46327	6/16/2008	IV		Approved		SB	LG	X